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JAMES D. LYLE, et al.

Application No. 09/954,663

Filed: September 12, 2001

For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
SENDING AUXILIARY DATA ON A
TMDS-LIKE LINK**

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Please amend the above-referenced application as follows.

In the Specification:

Replace the text at page 45, lines 16-18, with the following new text:

--detection (as described in U.S. Patent Application No. 09/905,615, filed on July 13, 2001, and assigned to the assignee of the present invention). Since one does not need to check the--

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